

<p>NORTHEAST LOUISIANA DELTA</p> <p>YOUTH OPPORTUNITY MOVEMENT</p> <p>2001-2002 Grant Amount: \$5 Million</p>	<p>Workforce Investment Board SDA-83, Inc.</p> <p>PO Box 14269, 1504 Stubbs Avenue Monroe, Louisiana 71207</p> <p>Tel: (318) 387-7962; Fax: (318) 361-0279</p> <p>Project Dir.- Keith Guice: guicek@nls.k12.la.us</p>
<p>Mission and Vision</p> <p>To assist youth, particularly out-of-school youth, to acquire the work skills, experience, and life skills to successfully transition into adulthood, career, further education and training. The ultimate goal is to provide to young people the opportunity and tools to succeed in the global community of the 21st Century.</p> <p>The Youth Opportunity Initiative encourages community development by providing a holistic approach to the development of its youth.</p>	<p>Program Overview</p> <p>The Northeast Louisiana Delta Youth Opportunity Initiative emphasizes the provision of educational, career/work skills, and life skills necessary for placement into private sector jobs in a variety of fields. YO! provides job skills training in approximately fifteen occupational categories, opportunities to remediate educational deficiencies and obtain high school diplomas, and assists in furthering educational goals at community colleges and universities. YO! supports the youth through the provision of case management, counseling, job readiness, life skills, job placement, and follow-up.</p>
<p>HIGHLIGHTS AND INNOVATIVE PRACTICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening and development of three youth center locations (in the cities of Lake Providence, St. Joseph, and Tallulah) throughout NE Louisiana • Have enrolled 1200 participants • Successful recruitment and engagement of youth despite nonexistence of public transportation • Dedicated, committed, and caring YO! program staff • Development of collaborative efforts with city and parish governments, businesses, three school systems and three academies. • Development of on-site partnership with a community college <p>KEY PARTNERS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louisiana Technical Colleges: Academic training, skills training, life skills, job placement, Tech Prep opportunities (3 campuses) • University of Louisiana at Monroe: Counseling Internship • Tensas Symphony: Construction of a facility to use as a YO! Center • Ten Louisiana Universities: College Courses • Louisiana Delta Community College: College courses at the YO! Centers • Youth Councils: Meet quarterly at YO! Centers • Local Advisory Board: Meets monthly at YO! Centers • Workplace/Business Partners: Meets monthly 	